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IRON ORE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the iron ore produced in the country during the last three years and the current year both in quantity and value;

(b) the total demand of iron ore for domestic industry in the country;

(c) whether the Government is able to maintain supply of iron ore for domestic consumption; and

(d) if not, the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of iron ore in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) Production of iron ore (including concentrates) during the last three years and estimates for the year 2004-05 is given in Table below:

Year	Production	
	Quantity (Million Tonnes)	Value (Rs. Crore)
2001-02	86.22	2496.92
2002-03	99.07	2964.86
2003-04(P)	120.60	3698.74
April-July 2004	41.81	1594.80
2004-05(E)	140	5379.56

(P): Provisional
(E): Estimated
Source: Indian Bureau of Mines, Nagpur

(b) The demand of iron ore for domestic industry in the country in the last three years are as mentioned below;

Year	Domestic requirement of iron ore
2001-02	44.74 Million tonnes
2002-03	48.71 Million tonnes
2003-04	51.62 Million tonnes

Source: Federation of Indian Minerals Industries

(c) The concerned PSUs namely National Mineral Development Corporation maintain supply of iron-ore for domestic consumption. However, country has sufficient reserves and production capacity to maintain supply of iron ore for domestic consumption.

(d) In view of (c) above, does not arise.